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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER



ONLY GOD CAN MAKE A TREE Trees made in heaven flank three interlocking trees made of steel designed and created by renowned sculptor Reynato Paz Contreras at Burgos Park, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. Called "The Trees," the stainless steel monument is a testament to Mother Earth and her strong, unifying nature.

P-Noy flies to Cambodia April 3-4; US, UK in May

By Christine O. Avendaño

IT MAY be the holiest period in Christendom but for President Aquino, Holy Week will just be an ordinary working week.

On April 3 and 4—Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday—he will be in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to attend the 20th summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean).

Upon his return home, Mr. Aquino will not hie off to Baguio City, as his predecessor was wont to do during Holy Week, but stay in Manila to monitor the expected mad dash of people out of the capital to take advantage of the long weekend.

"We will monitor airports, bus terminals and seaports," Mr. Aquino told reporters yes-

P-NOY FLIES A15

47% in poll say CJ guilty



PEOPLE'S CHOICE Filipino actress Eugene Domingo and Hong Kong actor Andy Lau pose with their trophies after winning the most popular actor and actress awards through online voting at the Asian Film Awards in Hong Kong on Monday.

2 PH actresses stop show at Asian Oscars

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Entertainment

TWO FILIPINO actresses quite literally stopped the show at the 6th Asian Film Awards (AFA), considered the region's Oscars, held Monday night at the Grand Theater of the Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Center.

Comedian Eugene Domingo won the people's choice favorite actress award for her role in Marlon Rivera's "Ang Babae sa Septic Tank" and theater stalwart Shamaine Centenera-Buencamino was named best supporting actress, for Loy Arcenas' "Nino."

For Domingo, however,

2 PH THEATER-TRAINED A15

Pulse Asia: Only 5% find him innocent

CLOSE to five in every 10 adult Filipinos have found Chief Justice Renato Corona guilty even if a majority of them have little or no knowledge of the impeachment case against him, results of a Pulse Asia survey released yesterday showed.

The nationwide survey was conducted from Feb. 26 to March 9 before lawyers of Corona started presenting their evidence in the Senate impeachment court.

Of the 1,200 respondents, 47 percent said Corona was guilty while 43 percent were undecided. Only 5 percent believed Corona was innocent.

47% OF RESPONDENTS A4

JPE: Classic case of wrong survey is the Man on the cross / A8



AT WORK FOR HIS 'BOSS' Amid the amusing and annoying (to the Palace) "Noynoying" antics by militant students, President Aquino is snapped in this Malacañang photo scooping up a stack of documents in his office before setting out to attend a series of meetings at the Palace on Tuesday.

Prosecution, Noy classmate grilled

By Michael Lim Ubac and TJ Burgonio

DEFENSE lawyers yesterday disputed allegations that Chief Justice Renato Corona owned 45 properties, and angry senators slammed the prosecution for allegedly misleading the public with a document from the Land Registration Authority (LRA) that was not authenticated.

The defense, through counsel Noel Lazaro, presented LRA Administrator Eulalio C. Diaz III, a classmate of President Aquino, who admitted that he provided the House lead prosecutor, Niel Tupas Jr., with a long list of properties purportedly belonging to Corona, his wife and three children.

Diaz, however, was forced to admit that many of the properties he listed in a letter to Tupas on Jan. 10 had either ceased to belong to Corona and his wife, or had never been registered under their names.

The prosecution, through private prosecutor Jose Justiniano, readily admitted to this misleading

PROSECUTION A6

Joker, lawyer differ on 'erroneous' SALNs / A15

Water, water everywhere, and much of it polluted

By Kristine L. Alave

FILIPINOS have more than enough of water to drown in but, alas, not a drop for drinking in some areas.

The reason: Much of it is polluted, or simply, the Philippines does not have the infrastructure to impound, treat and distribute it to households, according to an official of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

WATER A15



Gov't OKs 50¢ jeepney fare hike

By Paolo G. Montecillo and Amy R. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday approved a provisional 50-centavo increase in jeepney fares on the same day that oil firms raised anew their prices.

Effective today, minimum fares for jeepneys will be adjusted to P8.50 from P8, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) said in a decision.

The fare increase will cover all areas of the country except for Regions 1 (Ilocos), 11 (Davao), 12 (Caraga) and 13 (Soccsargen), and the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Oil companies raised prices of premium gasoline by 70 centavos a liter and of regular gasoline, diesel and kerosene by 60 centavos a liter.

This was the 10th time oil firms raised prices of petroleum products in the first three

GOV'T OKS A8

Palace thumbs down P125 wage hike proposal / A18

When condo 'accepted' hot topic on Day 32

By Christian V. Esguerra and Cathy C. Yamsuan

THE DEFENSE and prosecution panels yesterday wrangled over the question when Chief Justice Renato Corona should have declared a condominium unit at The Columns in Makati in his statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN).

Corona's counsels presented Carmina Cruz of Megaworld Land Corp. to "establish" that the Chief Justice's wife, Cristina, did not "accept" the P3.5-million unit until Aug. 12, 2009.

Defense lawyer Jose Roy III told the court that "there were

WHEN CONDO A6



Second FrontPage

Court stops fire gear rebidding

A QUEZON City court has stopped the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) from bidding out again a P243-million supply contract for firemen's safety gear that was originally won and then lost by a supplier.

Robredo: No politicking, just reforms in PNP



ROBREDO

Palace agrees with World Bank report

Lack of quorum stalls RH debates in House

GMA bail hearings at Veterans



Police rule out terrorism in underground river blast

Gatdula wins protection from being 'framed'



GATDULA







Bishop hails Pacquiao as 'modern-day saint'





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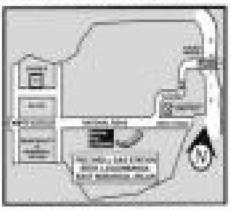


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77 Pinoys on death row abroad

THE DEPARTMENT of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said yesterday its diplomats had increased their efforts to save 77 Filipinos on death row overseas after four Filipinos were executed in China last year for drug trafficking.

"We are helping them out. We are making high level representations and making sure they have access to legal and consular assistance and trying to get their sentences commuted," DFA spokesperson Raul Hernandez said.

Last year, four Filipinos were put to death in China for drug trafficking despite the intervention of high-level officials including an appeal from President Aquino.

The executions triggered widespread condemnation in the country which abolished the death sentence in 2006.

Of those facing execution, 42 are detained in China on drug charges, he said.

Six Filipinos face death sentences in Malaysia, five also for drug-related offenses, while one Filipino convicted for the same reason is detained in Indonesia. *AFP*

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By TJ Burgonio, Cynthia D. Balana and Marlon Ramos

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People's approval

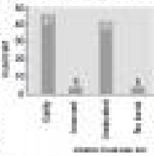
Not popularity contest

Defense still to be heard

Premature

47% of respondents say CJ guilty, according to Pulse Asia poll

Guilty or not guilty?



Fair verdict expected

Little knowledge

Sources of info

Prosecution, P-Noy classmate grilled on 45 Corona properties

Question of fairness

Tupas denies

National significance

When condo 'deemed accepted' by Mrs. Corona hot topic on Day 32

Who determines acceptance?

P1.5M should be in SALN

No jobs for Pinoys in Czech Republic

By Jerry E. Esplanada

CIDG revamped





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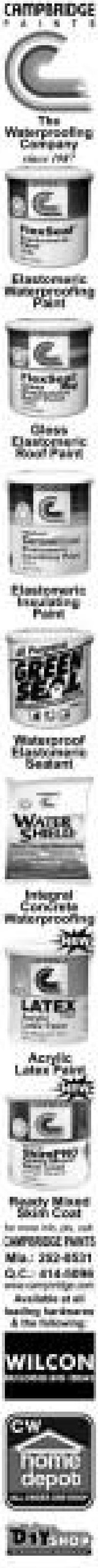
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Palace thumbs down ₱125 wage hike proposal

Layoffs feared



Gov't OKs 50¢ jeepney fare increase

Improved US economy

Automatic rollback

Spare parts

Temporary relief

LRT, MRT fares



Ro-ro in Spratlys: Gov't to build beaching ramp to Pag-asa island







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Take the stand

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Defense running out of options?

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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An Act against women

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Rina Jimenez-David



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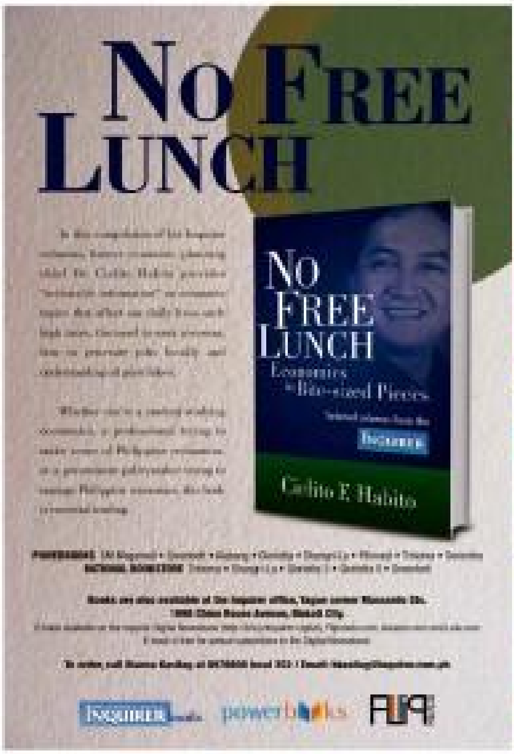
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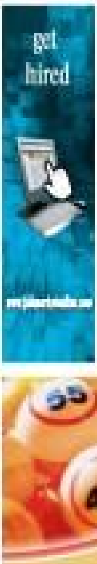
Tupas not serious in going after CJ?

Philippines should stand for justice

COMMENTARY

Elaine Pearson







Joker, lawyer differ on correcting 'erroneous' SALNs

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

Not applicable

New form urged

Unjust

P-Noy flies to Cambodia April 3-4; US, UK in May or June

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US, UK trips

Apec in Vladivostok

European swing

Water everywhere, much of it polluted; World Water Day tomorrow

From page A1

Water rationing

Make use of floodwaters

Giant water drop

Food supply chain

2 PH theater-trained actors stop show at Asian Oscars

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IN TEARS Filipino actress Shamaine Buencamino shows her best supporting actress trophy at the 6th Asian Film Awards in Hong Kong on Monday. When her name was called as a winner, she wept, she said.

Best picture

Tearful speech

Theater-trained

Star system bucked

If it's too good to be true, watch out

By Jerry E. Esplanada

Across the NATION

2 teachers, midwife seized by gunmen

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Three government workers were abducted by armed men in separate cases in Sulu and Lanao del Norte on Monday, officials said yesterday.

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Remote area

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Sulu kidnapping

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Crisis committee

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Arrest looms for Luisita farmers who cling to land

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Adultery case filed vs Pampanga priest junked

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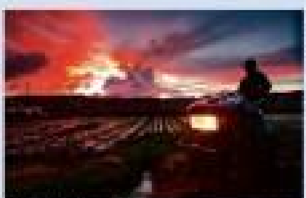
After failed loan bid, San Pablo trying again

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In Benguet, climate change clouds strawberry fest

HOMETOWN *Snapshot*

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As name row sizzles, Clark airport's state of affairs scrutinized



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QC prosecutor dismisses case vs Remonde, ex-IBC 13 executives

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End of the line for MRT cell phone snatcher

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Navy man shoots comrade, kills self in Fort Boni

By Nathaniel R. Melican

UN warns defiant Syria of further actions

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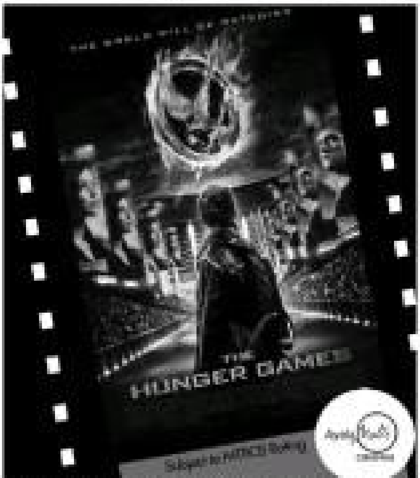
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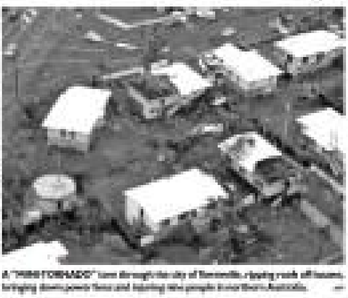
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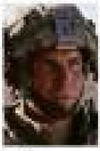
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Romney looks to big win in Obama's home state of Illinois

US Army sergeant 'can't recall' massacre



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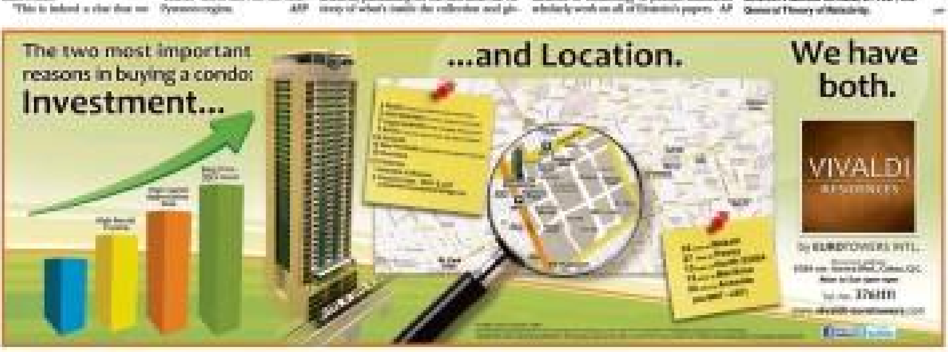
46 killed in Iraq attacks ahead of Arab summit

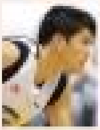


France launches manhunt for Jewish school killer

Original Einstein manuscripts going online







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■ B-Meg seeks lead vs ROS /A24

SPORTS



■ Bulls hold down Magic sans Rose /A25







Azkals' bronze sparkles like gold

The fastest way to age a man is by taking away his hair.











Pacquiao starts training March 26

By Roy Luarca

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Tigers turn back Elite; Erasers rip Rising Stars

[illegible]

B-Meg seeks lead vs ROS

Petron-Barako Bull KO tiff up

By Musong R. Castillo

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KELLY Nabong of Meralco tries to wriggle out of a double-team hold by Junior Powerade's Claude Cuba and Jason Ballesteros.

Santos, Casio lead All-Star Game top bets



CASIO

By Musong R. Castillo

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Phil secures Golden Boot

By Cedelf P. Tupas

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JUAN Guirado celebrates his goal against Palestine.

Azkals' bronze sparkles...

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Mendoza, Capadocia hang on in three sets

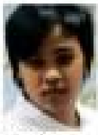
By Marc Anthony Reyes

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Medicard fun run set May 19

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Petecio revs up PH drive in Asian Women's boxing



PETECIO

17-stop ICTSI Tour blasts off next week

By Musong R. Castillo



Bulls hold down Magic sans Rose

NGAP-Globe amateur golf tournament resumes

Pacquiao done with fighting?

In Huddle



Beth Celis



CHAMPS Members of the Carmona Taekwondo Club show off their medals

Gatorade-San Mateo take PGBL top spot



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Top guns join Petron karting

Sidelights

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Three-division race to promote Marikina tree-planting project



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Pasay derby lures 60 entries



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Gov't helpless as pump prices soar

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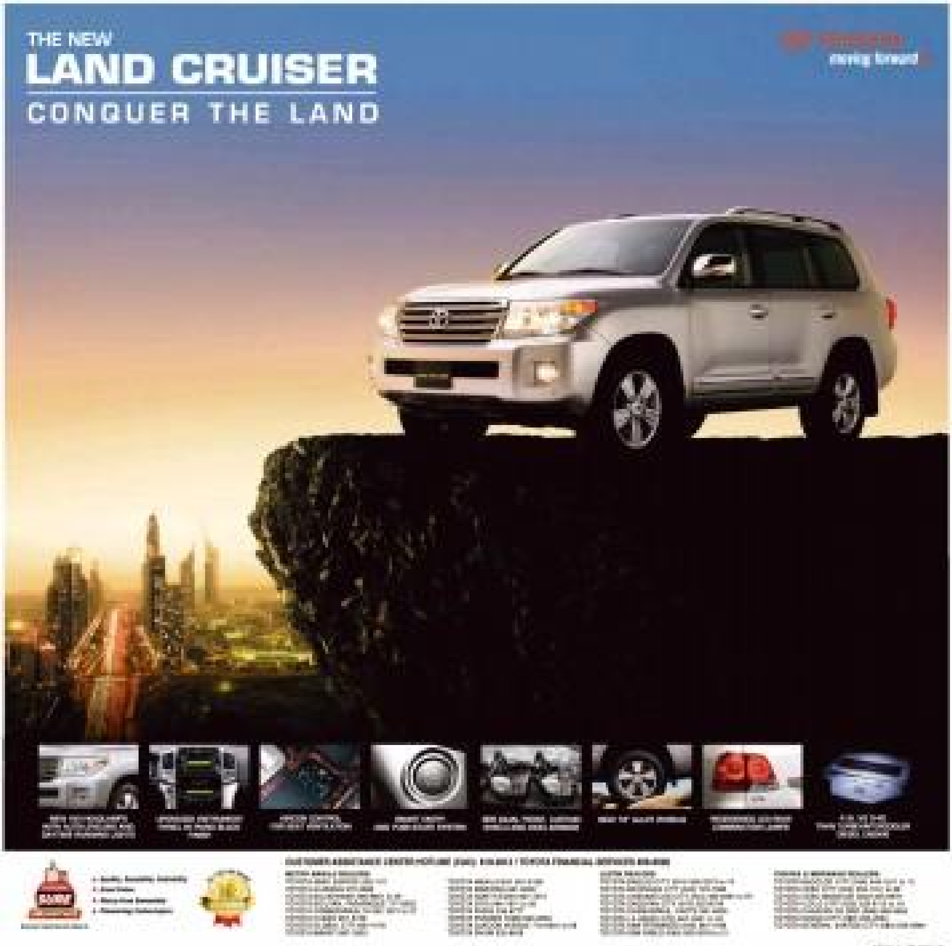
Stocks down on continued profit-taking

Energy chief says public transport to get aid

LOCAL PUMP prices for gasoline are now hovering around the record high of P60 a liter, and the Department of Energy has admitted that it remains helpless in bringing down prices that are largely influenced by movements in the global oil market.

S&P team reviewing PH performance

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Consolidated revenues rose 9.6% to $1.4B

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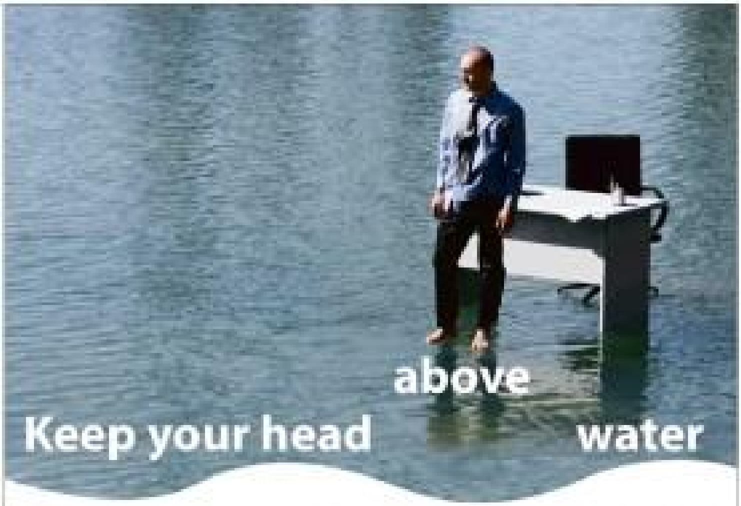
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Roxas admits flaws in air sector regulations

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PH has long way to go before it can earn category 1 status with FAA



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No offer to MVP, says Coastal Road operator

BUSINESS



P33-B projects in Trans-Asia pipeline

Firm takes on more joint ventures with Ayala unit

Pru Life UK income up 33% in 2011



PHILIPPINES' TALLEST TWIN TOWERS BSA TWIN TOWERS at St. Francis Square, Ortigas Center



From the left: Arch. Rogelio Villarosa, Mr. Luke Roxas, Mr. Timothy Johnson, and Arch. Felino Palafox Jr.





Manila Water boosts water supply in Boracay

What I learned from Suze Orman

Money Matters

Randell Tiongson



Love affair with Pinoys

Preaching about prudence

Debt is bad

All about being practical

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Switch to Meralco power a boon to components maker



> *"We were using fuel in generating our own electricity but we realized it was becoming very expensive. When we shifted back to Meralco, we were able to bring down our costs and it proved advantageous to us."*
>
> – Kazuhiro Tsuru
> President, ROHM Electronics Phils.





ROHM's Choice: Ecozone Rate

Apple dividend boosts Wall Street

China says time is right to liberalize rates

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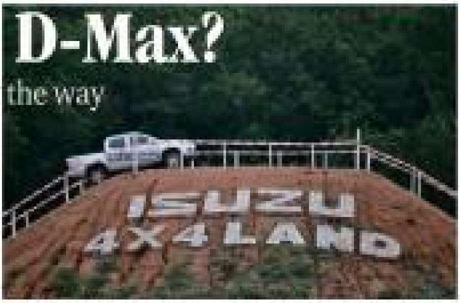
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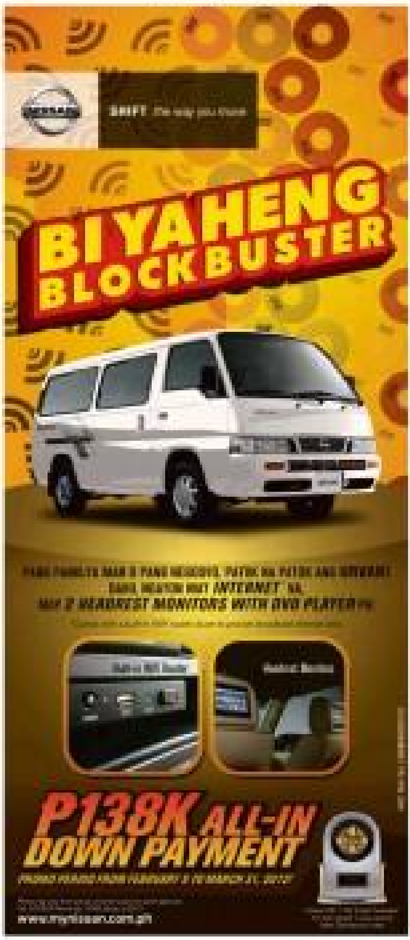


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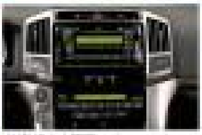
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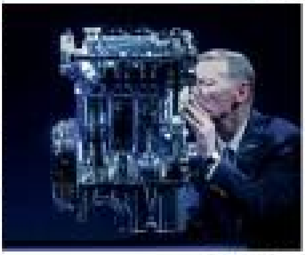


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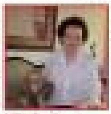
Finding heart and home in the Philippines

By Ronil Gale

AMERICAN book author and writer Beth Day, Spanish master artist Juvenal Sanso, and Indian-born lawyer and entrepreneur Loida Nicolas Lewis are all well-renowned and respected internationally in their respective fields and they had no doubt in their minds that they wanted to make the Philippines… their home.

The General's wife

Beth Day first became endeared to Filipinos after she married Filipino military general, patriot, book author, journalist, educator, diplomat and former President of the United Nations General Assembly (the first Asian and the first and only Filipino to hold the post, when he was elected in 1949) Carlos P. Romulo. They first met in New York City 1956, when she was assigned to write a feature story on him for The Reader's Digest. Back then, she was a freelance writer and he was serving his term as Philippine Ambassador to the United States.



BETH Day Romulo

Beth and the General were inseparable until the day he passed away in 1985. By that time, she had decided to stay in the Philippines for good. "I used to have an apartment in New York. I used to spend every month for it to be maintained even though I would only go there for a couple weeks every year. Eventually I put it on the market," said Beth.

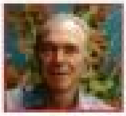
She has no regrets about choosing the Philippines as her home. "No doubt about it, I would definitely recommend the Philippines as a retirement haven. In fact, I think the Philippines is not being promoted enough," she said.

According to Beth the best attribute of the Philippines as a retirement haven is the Filipinos themselves. "The friendliness of the Filipino, especially towards visitors is without question. Even when I came here for the very first time in the 1950s, the Filipinos were very friendly, very warm. They are very helpful to visitors. If you need help with anything, Filipinos are glad to help. They're very sensitive and they love to talk," she said.

Beth also noted that Filipinos speak English well enough for foreigners to enjoy good communication when they are here. "For anyone from an English-speaking country, the Philippines would really be a good place to choose for their retirement."

Master artist comes home

World-renowned painter Juvenal Sanso was born in Reus, Catalonia, Spain in 1929, moved to Manila four years later with his family, established himself as a painter in the 1950s, then travelled the world—making Paris his place of residence for 50 years. In 2006, he decided to return to the Philippines and what he calls his "beloved Manila."



JUVENAL Sanso

Having lived in Europe for decades, it is very interesting to know why, of all places—and yes, he could have stayed in Paris, of course—he decided to go back to Manila. Before he answered that question, however, he emphasized that he doesn't consider himself retired.

"I am not retired. There is no retirement when it comes to what I do. Renoir, for example, continued painting into his old age, even when his hands were already twisted [by arthritis]. They had to tie the paintbrushes to his hands. But if you look at Renoir's paintings during that period, you can see the delicacy of the strokes—no sign in his works that his hands were already crippled and in great pain," Sanso said.

Nevertheless, he was gladly given his SSRV card by the Philippine Retirement Authority and enrolled in their program—granting him well-deserved privileges and benefits.

"The best thing about the SSRV is when I travel abroad and return here, it's very easy to go through immigration at the airport," said Sanso.

Sanso may be Spanish by birth, but he spent his childhood in the Philippines and it was here that he learned the basics of painting from Filipino masters like Fernando Amorsolo and other teachers in the University of the Philippines and the University of Santo Tomas. It was also in the Philippines that he started what would become an international career in the arts. By now, he said, he has already become a Filipino at heart.

Balikbayan's choice

Attorney Loida Nicolas Lewis is neither a typical balikbayan nor a typical retiree, but she has a love for the Philippines and the Filipinos that spurs her to share her blessings to them. She's usually out of the country every year, but she maintains her homes and her businesses in the Philippines and always comes back for about two weeks, 4 times a year, to be with Filipino relatives and friends.



LOIDA Nicolas Lewis

Loida is chair of TLC Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation with private equity funds. An attorney by profession—who is admitted to practice in both the Philippines and New York—she was the first Filipino woman to pass the New York bar without attending law school in the United States.

Her husband, the late Reginald F. Lewis was the first and so far the only African-American who engineered the purchase of a billion dollar company—Beatrice Foods International in a leverage buyout. The company shareholders received a 31 percent internal rate of return on their investments.

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PHILIPPINE RETIREMENT AUTHORITY UPDATES

Net Profits Up, Enrollment Up, and Withdrawals Down in 2011 vs. 2010
PRA net profits in 2011 jumped to Php 168M or 68% compared to 2010. With the mid-year introduction of the SMILE SRRV product, enrollment increased by 8% compared to 2010. Withdrawals from the program in 2011 were lower than those of 2010.

Winners in PRA's 1st National Essay Writing Contest
From a total of 670 entries, the following students are the top winners of the PRA Essay Writing Contest which had the theme "Dear Foreign Retiree: Why You Should Retire in My Town". For a complete list of winners, visit www.pra.gov.ph.
College Level: JUSTIN COLIN M. MAGALINTA, Colegio San Agustin - Biñan, Laguna
High School Level: SHAINA WINONA TRACEY E. CANDA, Notre Dame of Dadiangas University

PRA Co-Investment Fund
The PRA is looking for projects in the medical and allied medical industries, and/or retirement and allied retirement industries in which the PRA is willing to invest 8% of the Fund or 15% of the project equity, whichever is lower.

Chinese as Leading 2011 PRA Enrollees
Chinese nationals top the list of foreign nationals comprising 38% of those who enrolled in the retirement program in 2011. Next were the Koreans at 27%, Japanese at 10% and North Americans at 8.5%.

Bringing FDD Incentives in Circa 2012
PRA is submitting to the agencies concerned, an updated, more aggressive package of incentives for retirees. Upon its approval, this will be valid for applicants from January 2012 onwards.

SMILE SRRV: Now PRA's Main Visa Product
The SMILE SRRV now accounts for 62% of total enrollment based on 2011. SMILE SRRV only requires a US$ 20,000 visa deposit intended for end-of-term obligations for applicants 35 years old and above. In case the retiree decides to withdraw, the visa deposit will be returned to the retiree.

MegaMarketers to Push Marketing and Facilities Development
Megaworld and Federalland recently signed a MegaMarketer Agreement with the PRA. As MegaMarketers, these companies will cross-sell the SRRV products with their own products. MegaMarketers are also in the best position to develop globally competitive world class retirement facilities. PRA is currently processing more MegaMarketing Agreements.

Compulsory Registration of Retirement Accommodation Facilities
Register your retirement accommodation facilities, whether commercial or non-profit, with PRA in accordance with Executive Order 1037.

SALUBRA - Towards the First Integrated Retirement Village
Salubra was recently inaugurated in Silang, Cavite. It is situated in a 16-hectare property opposite the Adventist University Campus.

Institute for Retirement Migration and Aging (IRMA)
Next IRMA seminar on March 29, 2012, 2pm - 4pm on Japanese Pension Issues

In-House Briefings - Schedule
Prospective Retirees - March 22, 2012, 2pm
Marketers Appreciation Activity - March 23, 2012, 2pm
Please confirm attendance with the Marketing Department

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It's more fun in the Philippines

Life begins at retirement

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the PRA is ready to serve them. We even have a 24/7 hotline number that retirees can call up for assistance," said Arroyo.

Special residents

Foreigners and overseas Filipinos who retire in the Philippines are considered special residents of the country. They are accorded multiple-entry privileges, plus the right to stay permanently/indefinitely in the Philippines, through the issuance of the Special Resident Retiree's Visa (SRRV) by the Bureau of Immigration. The SRRV facilitates convenient and quick entry and exit from the Philippines, whenever a retiree travels overseas and back.

Filipinos who have taken residency overseas as well as foreign nationals (except those from countries without diplomatic relations with the Philippines and nationals classified as restricted by the Department of Foreign Affairs) of retirement age are eligible for the SRRV.

There are certain conditions that apply to overseas Filipinos who wish to retire in the Philippines. They must be immigrants or under a visa category allowing them legal stay abroad and have resided therein continuously for at least seven (7) years [prior to their application for enrollment in the Philippine Retirement Authority Retirement Program]. They should not have stayed a maximum total of sixty (60) days in a year in the Philippines.

According to Arroyo, there are more than 26,000 retirees enrolled in the Retirement Program of the PRA, with a net total of more than 18,000 as of March 2012. He also revealed that most of these retirees have chosen to stay in the following places: Cebu, Angeles (Clark), Olongapo (Subic), Baguio, Davao City, and Metro Manila. In order to better serve these retirees, the PRA has set up offices in these areas, with its main office in Metro Manila.

Profile of retirees in the Philippines

Retirees from all over the world, including those from Western and Eastern European nations, Southeast Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, have chosen the Philippines as their retirement haven. As of March 7, 2012, there are 108 nationalities included in the roster of retirees enrolled with the PRA. These include former Filipinos.

The top ten nationalities of retirees in the Philippines are:

1) Chinese, PROC
2) Koreans
3) Chinese, Taiwan
4) Japanese
5) Americans
6) British
7) Chinese, Hong Kong
8) Indians
9) Germans
10) Australians

Benefits of SSRV enrollment

Indeed, PRA is taking bold practical steps to make retirement migration a significant sector of the Philippine economy. With all these perks, Arroyo said, the PRA is confident that more retirees will be looking at the Philippines as their ideal second home.

Retirees are granted the benefits and privileges once they are enrolled in the Retirement Program of the PRA.

For more details on the process involved in registration and enrollment into the Philippine Retirement Authority Retirement Program, please go to www.pra.gov.ph.

A VENUE FOR A HEALTHIER YOU

The MEDICard Lifestyle Center isn't your average HMO clinic; it's the first of its kind in the country

By Kenneth M. del Rosario

Being healthy is a decision and commitment that an individual has to make for himself. Because it isn't always easier said than done, health advocates continue to push for people to subscribe to a healthier lifestyle.

Fortunately for people looking to get in the pink of their health, doing so has just gotten so much easier with the opening of the new MEDICard Lifestyle Center at the corner of Paseo de Roxas and Gil Puyat Avenue in Makati City.

The MEDICard Lifestyle Center is the "most complete" version among the many clinics that Medicard, a leading health maintenance organization (HMO), has set up for its diverse clients across the country.

"This is the first of its kind in the Philippines," said Luis Montoya, the company's senior vice president for special projects. "What separates this establishment from other clinics is the wow factor it exudes without being intimidating at all."

With four floors (plus two basement levels for parking and a roof deck for functions), the flagship clinic boasts a total of 3,000 square meters.

Unlike other clinics that scream hospital (you know all about the bleak lighting and harsh smell), the MEDICard Lifestyle Center features impressive architecture that is both welcoming and comforting, complete with relaxing music, beautiful artwork, and soothing background music.

Aside from the usual treatments that a normal clinic carries, the MEDICard Lifestyle Center, which opened last year, features more alternative treatment options, which is fast becoming the trend in the medical world.

The establishment also houses a fitness center, a mammography area, an eye and colorectal department, a modern dermatology center, dental clinics, operating rooms for minor operations, and even a skin and body aesthetic zone.

A resident nutritionist is on hand to provide tips for a proper diet and more physical activity. What's more, a classy lounge (with free Wi-Fi Internet connection, coffee, and fruits) has been set-up especially for people who are about to undergo executive check-ups.

"The MEDICard Lifestyle Center is a great way for us to further promote our thrust for occupational health for our clients," said Dr. Corazon Lynn Cruz Arroyo, the company's medical administrator for occupational health and health promotion services.

According to Arroyo, they've noticed that many of their clients suffer from lifestyle-related diseases such as high blood pressure or high cholesterol levels.

Because of this, MEDICard, which will celebrate its 25th year next year, is becoming more proactive in their approach to maintaining people's health rather than belatedly curing a disease's adverse effects.

"We look at our clients' health condition in relation to his or her job and working environment. We want to let them know that we're not just a third party financial institution, that we're actually concerned about their employees' health," said Arroyo.

At the end of the day, what MEDICard wants to tell its thousands of members and non-members alike is that their services are not just for the elite—they are about promoting healthy lifestyle for people from all walks of life.

Montoya said: "More than ever, people need to be conscious of their health, with so many potential stress-inducing situations on a daily basis. That's why the MEDICard Lifestyle Center is here—to help people be as healthy and fit as they can be."



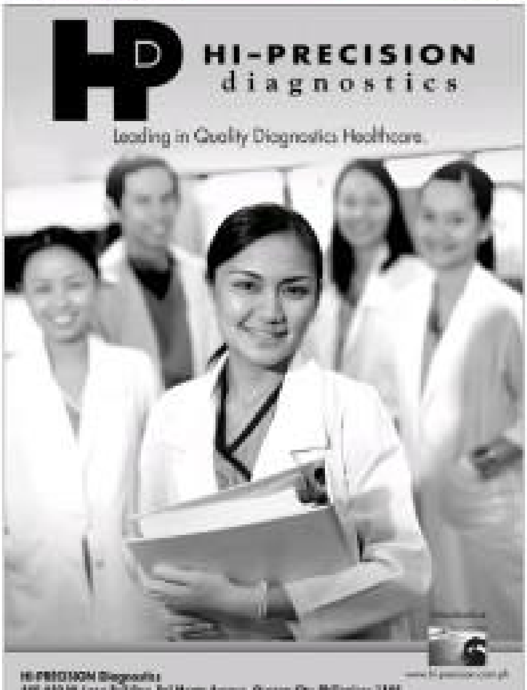
Editor's Message

Joyce Rivera Alvarez

Finding heart and home in the Philippines

"Now that I have retired from business I always come back here to the Philippines as I am more comfortable here rather than in Florida or any other country. I am a Filipino, born in the Philippines. I love Filipino food and Filipino traditions," she said.

'Loida is also an advocate of medical tourism because she believes that the Philippines has world-class healthcare. This, she believes, is of benefit not only to balikbayans like her, but also to foreign travelers seeking medical care overseas'



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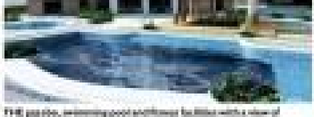


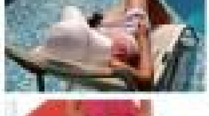
LIFE really does begin anew at retirement—it is the New Prime of one's life. The question is, where do you choose to spend it? For those seeking privacy, security, exclusivity and convenience, amid luxurious comforts as they begin a new high point in their lives, Sta. Lucia Residenze is the ideal choice.

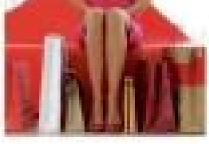
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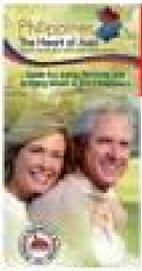








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Brazil's famous Campana brothers impressed with Filipino crafts and materials

'An interesting chair is like a good movie'—the design duo, in Manila last week, talks about returning to one's roots, and telling a story with each creation

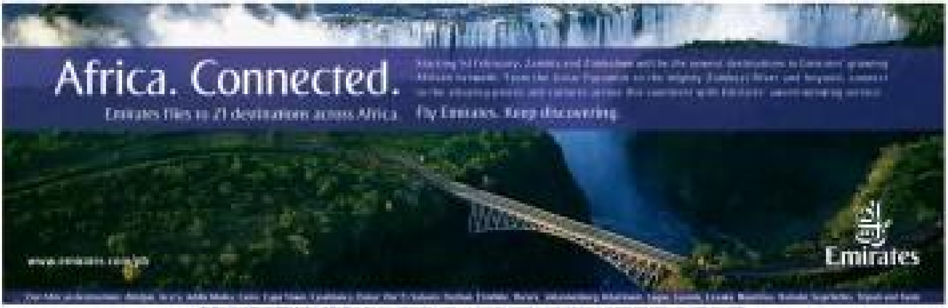
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WORLD-FAMOUS Brazilian chair designers Humberto and Fernando Campana visited the Philippines as Manila FAME's special guests last week.

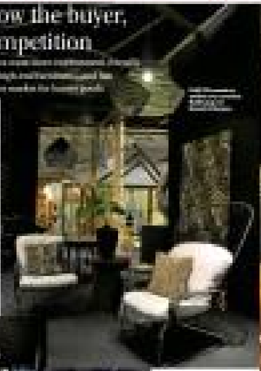
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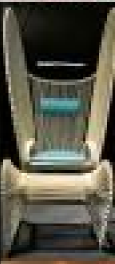

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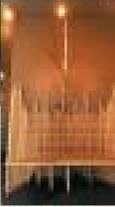




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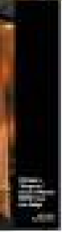


Brazil's famous Campana brothers impressed with Filipino . . .

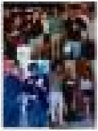








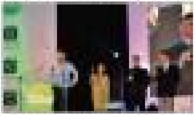
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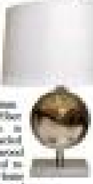
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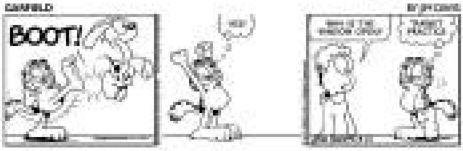
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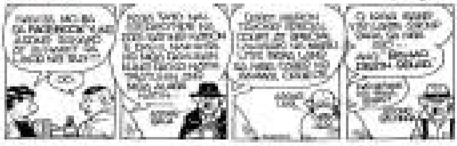
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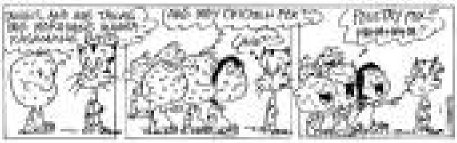
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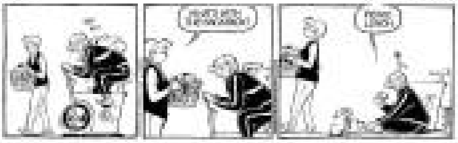
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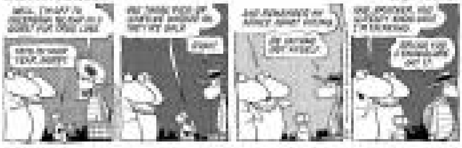
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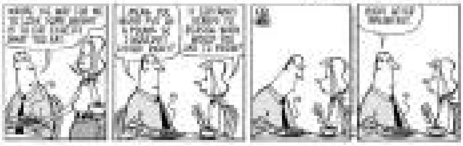
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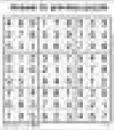
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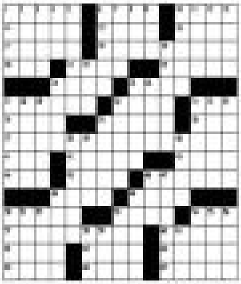
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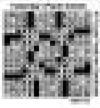


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CENTURY Canning Corp. VP and GM Greg Banzon; Century Tuna Group product manager Angela Gandioco, assistant brand manager Pedz Pantilon

2012 Superbods gets sizzling launch

TODAY this country's top canned tuna brand for a scorching hot event, dahlings. We refer to Century Tuna which took Summer to the next level when it launched another sizzling year of the ever popular Superbods search at Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

Superbods pays tribute to fit and sexy individuals committed to achieving a healthy and disciplined lifestyle.

"Superbods 2012 is bigger, better and more exciting this year with tougher challenges, awesome prizes for winners, with totally exciting events of parties and freebies for guests," said Greg B. Banzon, vice president and general manager of Century Canning Corp., palangga.

The Superbods search has unearthed the country's hottest new faces, such as [illegible] JC Tiuseco, Rovi Sagad and Patty Ortega.


WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH
Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alan Van Hagen powered by [illegible]

During the [illegible] publicity [illegible] light [illegible] which made use of a variety of Century Tuna [illegible] products, Century Tuna Group product manager Angela Gandioco said, "This year, Century Tuna takes the search nationwide and adopts a sexy military theme, 'Salute to Sexy.' It is slated April 14 in [illegible]."

"It will not only gather the fittest and [illegible] individuals all over the country but also promises an exciting hot summer event with [illegible], superbods parties, freebies and treats for guests," Gandioco said.

The happening also presented the newest Century Tuna endorser Anne Curtis, the [illegible] endorsers Derek Ramsay, [illegible] Concepcion and Aljur Abrenica.

Curtis, Gandioco said, will "inspire Superbods contestants to be in their best for the ultimate summer search of the year."

"Anne perfectly embodies the Superbods lifestyle with her fit and healthy body, positive disposition in life and commitment to inspire people her age to strive for success," explained Century Tuna assistant brand manager Pedz Pantilon.

Truly it was one superhot, sexy evening from one of the country's most healthy and yummy brands, Century Tuna, mars!

Mmm, style! Visit www.centurysuperbods.ph or Century Tuna's Facebook page http://www.facebook.com/centurytuna.

Abbas honored

Honorary Consul of Guatemala Amelia E. Abbas was awarded by ambassador Byron Escobedo of the Republic of Guatemala the degree of Grand Officer of the Diplomatic Order of Antonio José de Irisarri "in recognition of Consul Abbas's outstanding service with utmost professionalism in reinforcing the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Guatemala and the Philippines."

During a reception hosted by the Guatemala Consulate in his honor, Ambassador Escobedo lauded Consul Abbas for bringing together her counterparts in the various missions of Central America to work on joint projects with the Philippine government even before she became dean of the Consular Corps of the Philippines.

"Consul Abbas carried out trade and cultural missions to Guatemala, with a lead role during the first meeting of Guatemalan honorary consuls from Asia and Oceania in Tokyo, where the Guatemalan Embassy for the region is based, and strengthen Guatemala's presence, not only in the Philippines but in the Asia-Pacific region as well," said Escobedo.

The ambassador then thanked Honorary Vice Consul Marc Abbas, Abbas's son, and her husband, Honorary Consul of Zambia Luis Abbas Jr., "for the support given to the Guatemalan mission in the Philippines."

A grand reception was rendered at the exclusive Polo Club's Turf Room by the Consular Corps of the Philippines, led by its current dean, Armenia honorary consul general Mehdi [illegible].

Wine, cocktails and hard drinks flowed, superb finger foods were served, followed by live musical entertainment, palangga.

Central American motifs decorated the Turf Room and the guests continued lively social chit chat, dahlings, for a most satisfying diplomatic evening.

Vietnamese food place

Popular restaurant-bar Aysabaw Vietnamese Kitchen opened some time ago in [illegible] Road, dahlings. Now the same group behind Aysabaw has successfully launched Sai Vietnamese Kitchen ATC at Alabang Town Center.

Invitees were treated to a kaleidoscope of awesome fireworks and dragon dancing plus a long chat stroll by Paul Cavill.

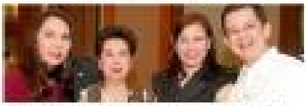
Hard-working socialite Natasha Moran and soft-spoken chef Danny Vu were the perfect hosts. Invitees couldn't get enough of the resto's specialties during this awesome launch, dahlings.

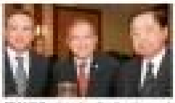
Check out Sai also at Aysabaw Vietnamese Kitchen in Makati and all the branches of Sai Kitchen at SM Megamall and elsewhere.

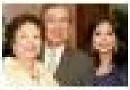
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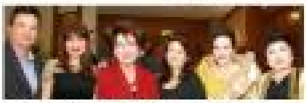

CONSUL Luis Abbas of Zambia, Miriam Sahul de Escobedo, Guatemala Ambassador Byron Rene Escobedo Menendez, Consul of Guatemala Mellie Abbas


MIRIAM Sahul de Escobedo pins the medal of Diplomatic Order of Antonio José de Irisarri on Consul Mellie Abbas


CONSULS Agnes Huibonhoa of Gambia, Lydia Ramos, Carolina Abbas Sycip with hubby Dr. Jols Sycip

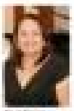

FRANK Frolius, Jocelito Ancheta and Oscar de Venecia


JOEY Ramos and Ambassador Domingo Siazon, Consul Patricia Ledesma

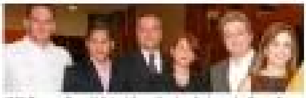

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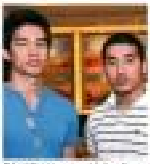

JOEY Ramos, Consul Michael Ang of Jordan, Ambassador Byron Rene Escobedo Menendez and Miriam Sahul de Escobedo Menendez of Guatemala, consul general Isam El Dada of Syria, Georgette Wilson


CENTURY Tuna chefs Donna Mendoza, Heart Aldapala, Apple Pardigon


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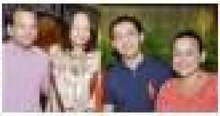

MODELS of Century Tuna Superbods

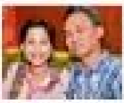

AT SOI Vietnamese Kitchen ATC opening at Alabang Town Center: (from left) Jonjie Abbas, Natasha Moran, chef Danny Vu of the grand launching of Aysabaw concept resto, Sai Vietnamese Kitchen ATC; Paulo Cavill, Jeanne Ibarra, Tedrick Yau


JOSEPH and Sheline Assad with daughter Estelle Assad


IDA Escovedo, Michael Escovedo, Natasha Moran, Michelle Tiaro


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Explaining the 'F' word (that's 'fat') to kids

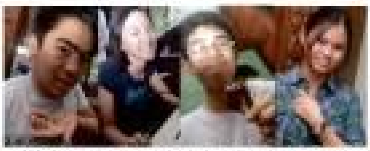
Still changing

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The things some of today's kids cherish

Community of Learners Foundation (COLF) high school students write about simple things that mean a lot to them, almost like a pal





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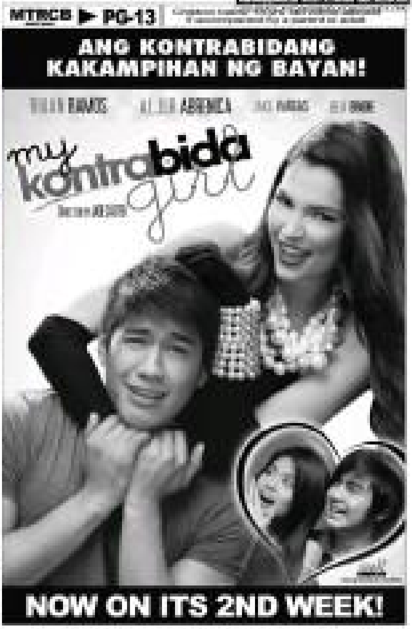
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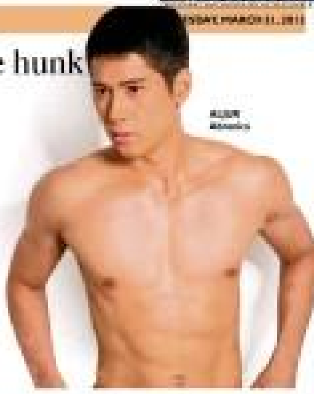


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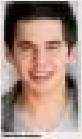




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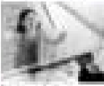




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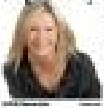








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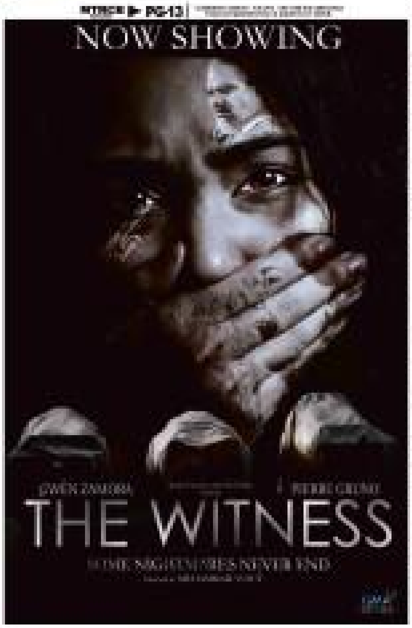
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Our Heavenly Father welcomed in His loving embrace

SISTER MARIA LUZ FRANCISCO, OSB



Her living sisters, Veronica, Ma. Auxiliadora, and her brothers Antonio and Emmanuel request all pious readers to pray for her eternal rest.

Her remains lie in state at St. Scholastica's College Chapel, Leon Guinto Street, Manila.

Funeral Mass March 23, 2012, Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Our Dearly Beloved

EDILTRUDES CONSUNJI VINZON

Loving wife to Atty. Roberto S. Vinzon (†)
now peacefully rests in the infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord.
She passed away on The Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, 2012.

She is sorely missed by her children, Dr. Baby & Jojo Bautista and Atty. Boy & Gigi Vinzon; grandchildren Joanna & Angela Bautista and Raman, Biel & Carmela Vinzon.

We request prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at
Sta. Maria della Strada Church, Katipunan Road, Quezon City until Friday, March 23 and
at Samal, Bataan from March 23 to 25.

Interment will be on Sunday, March 25 in the afternoon
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Sgt. Federico M. Jaymalin (Ret.)

a retired Manila Police Sergeant,
passed away last March 16 at the age of 88.

His remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels
in Araneta, Quezon City.

Interment will be on March 22 (Thursday)
at the Manila North Cemetery.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
Matthew 10:39

DR. PURIFICACION ILAS OCAMPO

now peacefully rests in the Grace and Goodness of our Lord
on March 15, 2012 at the age of 93.

Wife of Armando (†)

Her remains lie in state at Rizal Funeral Homes, Inc., Pasay City.

Interment will be on Saturday, March 24, 2012
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DOLE & McDonald's to Hire Youths for Summer Employment

UNDER THE Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES), the Department of Labor and Employment - National Capital Region (DOLE-NCR) announces the nationwide hiring of 3,600 out of school and in- school youths aged 15-25 years old. They will be employed under Golden Arches Development Corporation, the company behind McDonald's fast-food chain.

The SPES aims to help poor but deserving students pursue their education by facilitating their employment mandated under Republic Act 7323 as amended under RA 9547 which took effect on April 2009 making it a year-round program for working youth. Under the program, the employers are given incentive by allowing them to pay 60 % of the student's salaries, while the Department of Labor and Employment pays the remaining 40 percent.

One thousand nine hundred thirty one (1,931) out of the 3,600 available slots will be deployed in 103 Mc Donald's branches in Metro Manila.

Interested applicants are advised to proceed to the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of their respective City or Municipal Hall for the initial screening process.

Successful applicants will be employed for a period of 52 days and will receive a minimum wage of 426.00 per day. Mc Donald's will shoulder 60% of their salaries while, the remaining 40% will be shouldered by DOLE. The first batch of successful SPES hires for McDonald's branches in Metro Manila will be deployed on April 16, 2012 until June 28, 2012.

Meanwhile, the hiring for the 14,480 SPES slots in all Local Government Units in Metro Manila is likewise on-going at the respective Public Employment Service Office (PESO) in all 16 cities and 1 municipality (Pateros) in Metro Manila.

